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INCOME EARNED BY THE RAILWAYS FROM THE PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the income earned by the Railways from the passenger and goods trains during the last three years;

(b) whether the Railways are formulating a scheme to increase the income;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which income is likely to increase after implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): The earning from Passenger and Goods traffic during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

YEAR	PASSENGER	GOODS
2004-05	14112.54	30778.40
2005-06	15126.00	36286.97
2006-07	17224.56	41716.50

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. Railways have introduced a number of schemes like a slew of Freight Incentive Scheme has been launched this year for attracting more rail traffic like;

Traditional Empty Flow Direction (30% discount), Loading Bagged Consignment in BOXN (40% discount), Long term Special Incentive Scheme (20% concession), Incremental Traffic (15% discount), Lump sum Special Rates and Service Level Agreement, Freight Forwarders, Two Leg Freight Concession (15% in busy season and 20% in lean season).

Besides, Ministry of Railways has been considering individual proposal for grant of Freight Concession in Freight Rates to tap traffic. Few proposals are as;

30% concession of booking of Iron-ore, 50% concession for rice traffic, 15% concession for timber waste and 13% concession on movement of gunny bale or jute traffic.

For passenger traffic following steps have been taken to increase the earnings:

Generating additional seating capacity in trains by introducing new trains, reduction of fare of 1st AC and 2nd AC, attaching additional coaches to clear wait listed passengers and introduction of up gradation scheme to upgrade full fare paying passenger to next higher class against available accommodation.

As a result of above schemes Freight and Passenger earning is likely to be increased by 14% during the current year i.e. 2007-08.